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MRS. RAYMOND ROBINS SAYS STATE STREET STORES HAVE BLACKLIST

Says Department Stores Intimidate Girl Clerks and Fire
Them If They Join Labor Union—Supt. Bridges
of Siegel-Cooper Store Denies
the Blacklist Charge.

Do State street department stores maintain a blacklist, which is invoked against employes who have been discharged for certain causes?

Mrs. Raymond Robins, president of the Women's Trades Union League, says they do.

F. J. Bridges, superintendent of Siegel, Cooper & Co., says they do not. Mrs. Robins' charge came in a speech last night before Grace Church Forum, during which she assailed the stores for intimidating girl employes last summer when they attempted to form a union.

"When girls are afraid to protest against injustices for fear of losing their positions, there is something wrong in the industrial world," declared the speaker.

"Last summer, when we attempted to organize the department store girls, we were told we would meet with failure, because the girl didn't want to belong to a labor organization.

"That was untrue. The girls did want the organization. We failed, but it was not because of lack of interest on the part of the girls.

"We were unable to combat the intimidation of the department stors